

ENVIRONMENT

In October 2013, France's constitutional court upheld a law prohibiting fracking for shale gas. The French environment minister described it as "a judicial victory but also an environmental and political victory". Further developments include discussion over a bill that aims to integrate the concept of "ecological damage" in the civil code. In this chapter, we identify 18 lawyers.

Huglo Lepage & Associés demonstrates its "leading abilities" in this field with three nominations. Founding partner **Christian Huglo** enjoys a "great reputation" in the legal market. He specialises in environment law and litigation and represents clients in civil and criminal proceedings at national and international level. **Corinne Lepage** is an "expert" in environmental liability and assists clients with developing strategies. **Marie Pierre Maitre** is responsible for the legal research and monitoring practice at the firm and is "highly knowledgeable" on contaminated sites and soil, waste and REACH.

At Jones Day, **Françoise Labrousse** is a "significant player" in the market and a "go-to lawyer" on matters relating to soil, groundwater contamination, waste management, chemical substances, asbestos, climate change and energy-related projects.

The "very talented" **David Desforges** at Genesis Avocats concentrates his practice on providing regulatory, transactional and litigation advice in relation to environmental matters including contaminated land, minerals, hydrocarbon-related activities and the marketing of regulated products.

Jacques Asscher is of counsel to Bersay & Associés and handles all environment issues in the industrial sector, renewable energy sources, REACH,

RoHS and WEEE. He is "highly sought after" to conduct due diligence for transactions, stock exchange quotations and regulatory audits.

At Lefèvre Pelletier et associés, **Vincent Sol** is praised for his "exceptional attention to detail" and "unsurpassed knowledge" of environment law.

Otto Associés is represented by **Caroline London**: a "star in the field". She provides counselling, due diligence and litigation services to clients in the areas of waste, classified facilities, water, air and noise.

At his own firm, **Arnaud Gossement** enjoys an "enviable reputation" for his extensive expertise in environment law.

At Savin Martinet Associés, **Patricia Savin** is managing partner of the firm and specialises in environmental law and sustainable development. Her particular areas of expertise include pollution and nuisances, real estate, waste and renewable energy.

Patrick Thieffry is a co-founder of Thieffry et Associés. His significant experience includes advising public administrations in relation to the oldest and most polluted French contaminated site, acting as chairman of arbitral tribunals in disputes involving the construction of a waste treatment and storage facility in central Europe and a

water treatment station in Iraq.

Ashurst fields head of the real estate department in France **Philippe None**. None is a "font of knowledge" on environmental law and impresses with his "meticulous approach".

Joëlle Herschtel at King & Spalding is "in high demand" for her expertise relating to environmental audits and due diligence for M&A transactions.

Gide Loyrette Nouel's **Laurent Deruy** is a "long-standing figure of the bar" and a "notable expert" on environmental law and related litigation.

Jean-Nicolas Clément of UGGC Avocats is a "true specialist" in the field and is said to "always go above and beyond for his clients".

At Boivin & Associés, founding partner **Jean-Pierre Boivin** has an "unrivalled reputation" in the sector and advises on industrial environmental law assisting with the creation, operation and closure of industrial activities.

Christophe Bourdel at Granrut Avocats is "first rate" on industrial environmental matters.

Laurence Lanoy at his own firm Laurence Lanoy-Avocats demonstrates his key competences in the areas of industrial environmental law, sustainable development and energy-related matters.

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